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HLGC

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ACCORDING TO A CONTACT IN THE BRITISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATION, THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) AT ITS MEETING ON JAN. 29, AFTER CONSIDERABLE GRUMBLING, AGREED TO THE EC ATTENDING THE MEETING OF THE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES (HLGC) ON FEB. 9-10. SOME PERM REPS WERE UNHAPPY BECUASE THE HLGC MEETING COINCIDED WITH THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT WHICH PREPARATIONS FOR CIEC (AND UNCTAD) ARE TO BE DISCUSSED. DURING THE COREPER MEETING THE BRITISH CONVEYED HLGC CHAIRMAN PRESTON'S VIEW THAT IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO HOLD THE HLGC MEETING AS SCHEDULED. WE UNDERSTAND THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES REITERATED THE EC VIEW THAT THE HLGC MEETING SHOULD BE USED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXCHANGING IDEAS, NOT FOR COORDINATING POSITIONS.

EC POSITIONS FOR THE HLGC MEETING AND THE FEB. 11
RAW MATERIALS COMMISSION (CORM) MEETING ARE EXPECTED
TO BE TAKEN AT THE COREPER MEETING ON FEB. 5. MORRIS

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